

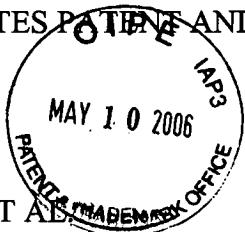
IN THE UNITED STATES ~~PATENT~~ AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

TOSHIHIRO IFUKU ET AL.

Application No.: 10/772,260

Filed: February 6, 2004

For: FERROELECTRIC THIN FILM
ELEMENT, PIEZOELECTRIC
ACTUATOR AND LIQUID
DISCHARGE HEAD

Examiner: Jaydi A. Aguirrechea

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
LETTER RE INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Further to the Amendment After Final Rejection filed on May 8, 2006, and prior to further examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.